so that they may not be patched

Indeed, I think that at this time you should direct your Commis-sioner of Accounts to Institute a real investigation into the collec-tion of these moneys so that he might determine the channels into which they have gone. If they were legally collected, they are the property of the City of New York. they were illegally collected. they should be returned to the poor peddlers from whom they were exacted. In any event, it is the manifest duty of the Corporation Counsel to recover them by civil process, and it is the duty of the Commissioner of Accounts to inform him where they may be found. I think that the attention of both of these officers should be called to Section 1551 of the City Charter. Very truly yours, JNO, E. RUSTON.

District Attorney. District Attorney Banton, when the letter of Mr. Ruston to the May-World reporter, read it through care fully, said it was "very interesting, but that he had no comment to make on it. Mr. Banton said no complaints the letter had been received by his

From his statement it was under stood that the cases of two inspector suspended for apprepriating fees after an inquiry by Commissioner of Accounts Hirshfield a year ago were not reserred to the District Attorney When District Attorney Ruston's letter to Mayor Hylan was called to the attention of Murray Hulbert, prosident of the Board of Aldermen. who is acting Mayor during the absence of Mayor Hylan on a vaca tion to Saratoga and Lake Champlain, he said:

"I haven't seen the letter yet and I must walt until it comes to me from the Mayor's Secretary. I cannot comment on a letter addressed to the Mayor which comes to me through the press. : If it comes to me I shall take proper action. It may, however be forwarded to the Mayor himself."

## ANSWERS CHARGE OF MARKET GRAFT

Hirshfield Replies to Hundertmark.

Commissioner of Accounts Hirsch field has addressed a letter to W. I. Hundertmark, Secretary of the New York Market Association, regarding the charges of Mr. Hundertmark that farmers who bring produce to the public markets are compelled to pay graft in the guise of fees for night watchmen, water for truck radiators and for help in unloading.

The Commissioner informs Mr. Hundertmark that while the city is bound to extend police protection private watchmen, city water and unloading, labor cannot be expected free by out of town merchants. He doss not discuss the question as to whether the farmer should be compelled to pay these charges whether he wants to or not if he wants a profitable location, or whether 'he fees charged are excessive or subject to official regulation and accounting Nevertheless, the Commissioner says, he desires to study the matter "from every angle," and asks Mr. Hundert mark to appear for examination nex

# FEDERAL AGENCY FOR COAL PROVIDED

Winslow Also Plans House Measure to Same Purpose.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.-Establishment of a Federal fuel distribution agency to meet the present coal "emergency" and the extension of read powers to the Interstate Commerce Commission with respect to the ssuing of embargoes and priorities, i proposed in a bill introduced to-day by Senator Cummins, Rpublicean Iowa, Chairman of the Senate Inter state Commerce Committee.

The office of "Federal Fuel Distrib utor" would be created by the bill and that official would be empowered to determine facts relative to fuel prices shortages and supplies generally, pro duction and marketing methods and the reasonableness of profits taken within the industry. He would make reports of his findings to the Interstate Commerce Commission which could act thereon as warranted.

Chairman Winslow of the House In terstate Commerce Committee, said that he was preparing a bill of his own to enlarge Federal control over the distribution of coal. He would not say when the bill would be introduced, nor what it would contain

#### **UP-STATE CITY FLOODED** FOLLOWING CLOUDBURST

5-Finch Rainfall Destroys Bridge Invades Prison.

ROCHESTER, Aug. 24.-More than 160 families were forced from their homes, prisoners were margoned b water filled cells and thousands of dollars damage was done by a cloudburst fate last night that to-day had hun

dated Geneva, according to reports.

Five inches of rain fell, accompanie by beavy lightning that fired barns and homes. The Main Street Bridge was Borced from its pilings by the overflow-ing creek and transportation is at a stand-cill. Prisoners marconed in their cells in the cellar of the City Hall were rescued by men who waded in with hip books. Reports may the business sec-tion is flooded to a depth of one to two

## FIVE YEAR FIGHT TO BREAK HUGE COAL MONOPOLY BY U. S. CONTROL NEAR SUCCESS

Evening World's Demands Are Met in President Harding's Plea for Abatement of Unjustifiable Profits Through a Government Commission—The Facts in Brief.

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

"Because of the impressions of many cases of unjustifiable profits in the coal industry and because public interest demands investigation and demands the finding of facts be given to the public, I am asking at your hands the authority to create a commission to make a searching investigation into the whole coat industry with provision for its lawful activities and the bestowal of authority to reveal every phase of coal production eale and distribution."

In the above words President Harding at last practically echoes the words of The New York Evening World in its five-year fight to secure a commission that will settle the coal question once and for all and reduce the price to the consumer.

ful is this corporation in the

county in which it operates that

the people in this district have

tion similar to adjoining counties

patrols 194,000 acres of land in the

Schuylkill region, of which 109,644

Enormous dividends have been de

erms the Attorney General of the

United States presented to the Su

preme Court this state of affairs ex-

sting in the Reading Company, as

don also in its exhaustive repor

states as to these coal rallroad cor

porations that the rates "were made

inreasonable with the express pur-

pose and effect of giving to each an-

thracite railroad a monopoly of the

In the words of the Interstate Com-

nerce Commission: "The evidence in

this case conclusively shows that the

rates on this commodity were estab-

lished at an excessive basis, and

clearly it was so done for the pur-

pose of eliminating the independent

output as a factor of competition in

In fact the Reading Railroad

Company itself has in its own report made the following sig-

nificant statement: "The intrinsic

almost impossible to name. No such

estate has ever been created, nor

would it ever be possible hereafter to

acquire one of similar magnitude; and the future value of a body of

the anti-cite coal known to exist in

road of less than a hundred miles

Therefore, the Supreme Court of

ordered these coal railroad corpora-

tions to divorce one from the other.

The Supreme Court decision ordered

the dissolution of the trust made up

of the following companies: The

Reading Company, the Philadelphia

The Evening World foresaw, over a year ago, the possibility of this Supreme Court decision, but urged the

Senate Coal Committee, to whom this

newspaper presented the evidence it

secured in its investigation, for some

egislation that would not only divorce

he coal monopoly from the coal rail-

coad monopoly, but would actually

assure lower priced coal to the people

being charged by the coal corpora-

orbitant sum of \$3.10 per ton, as set

forth in these columns last week, it is imperative that some measure be

taken to prohibit such further boost-

ing of royalties as now shuts out in-

dependent operators and keeps the

The proposed commission might

well ascertain if indeed these corpora-

tions have "dissolved" sufficiently to

diminate the strangle hold on com-

petition. Not only this, but the dis-

riminating rate as between the tide-

water price and the price charged for coal at the time it reaches the

consumer is enormous, being some-times double and even triple in price

from the time the coal leaves the

mouth of the mine until it reaches the

consumer in New York City, a jour-

Has Record of 25 Arrests for His

23 Years of Age.

Elmer Dillon, known to the police as

"the angel-faced cheir boy," was sen-

he had pleaded guilty of attempted t

grand larceny.

Although Dillon is only twenty-three years old the police say is already has a road of twenty-five arrests and ten convictions. They say that recontly he has become a skilful pickpoxiet. He was arrested in the Hudson Terminal on Aug. 16 charged with alesing the

on Aug. 16 charged with stealing the purse of Henry Haifer of Verons, N. J. containing \$5. Dillon's home is at No. 48 Middagh Street, Brooklyn.

tenced to Sing Sing for two and one-half years by Judge Talley in the Court

GE'IS 21-2 YEARS

ney of less than a day.

"ANGEL-FACED BOY"

price sky high.

In view of the enormous royalties

which to-day reach the ex

ory, and connected by a rail-

coal produced along its line."

o these gigantic coal corporations.

The Interstate Commerce Commis-

land containing over a third of all executives leaves the situation exactly

length with a populous manufactur- disputants to try settling the strike

the United States in October, 1920, executives that they have the shop-

and Reading Rallway Company, the of begging for reinstatement.

cres contain anthracite.

President Harding further states; | "The necessity for such a searching national investigation with constructive recommendation is imperative, At the moment the coal skies are clearing, but unless we find a cure for the economic ills which affect the industry and therein find a basis for righteous relationship, we shall be faced with a like menacing situation pany. In unmistakable and forceru

The Evening World, after its thorough investigation of the coal problem was followed by a Senate Coal Committee investigation at Washington and at the instigation of this newspaper, this Senate Coal Committee went into the coal regions. All -all pointed to the dire need of havng some such specific body as the commission go into the coal question and have full jurisdiction in eliminating the monopoly existing in the anthracite fields, whence New York gets its coal.

Among the pertinent facts are the

The entire supply of anthracite coa is confined to an area of 496 square the markets with the railroad intermiles in Pennsylvania, four counties ests' output." producing \$6 per cent. of the total output.

Nearly one-third of the total output of anthracite coal goes to New York value of the coal lands it is tidewater points.

Eighty-six and forty-five hundredths per cent, of all unmined anthracite coal is owned by four companies. The two largest companies are the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company.

The Reading Company owns both the coal and the ratiroads. That is to say, the Reading Company owns the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company.

The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company also is the owner of very large reliroad mileage in the anthra-

The two existing water routes of Pennsylvania, the canals from the an-thracite coal fields, are controlled by these two companies.

The railroads belonging to these Philadelphia and Reading Coal and ompanies have superseded the canals, Iron Company, the Central Railroad which they now control.

In 1918, when The Evening World began its investigation, the following facts were disclosed and obtain \*o

1. A few coal barons control almost the entire output of an-thracite in the United States. Thus the Philadelphia and Read-ing Coal and Iron Company controls 2,000,000,000 available tons of coal, the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company 500,000,000 available tons, the Lehigh Valley Coal Company 400,000,000 tons.

2. The largest company, the Philadelphia Coal and Iron Company, has steadily acquired all available coal fields until it now controls 45 per cent, of the entire anthracite output in the United 2. The two largest coal interests

are owned by the same interests that own the railroads that carry the coal.

4. Other investors have been kept from the field by everlasting

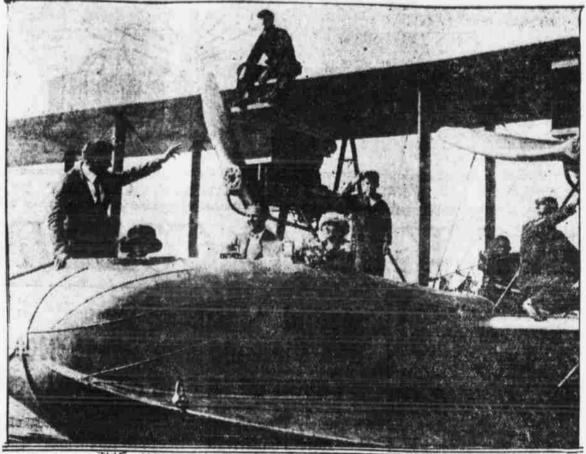
obstacles. 5. When outside operators do get leases, they have been met with the provision that the coal they mine must be carried over the railroad which is owned by the same interest which owns the coal from whom the operators

6. So close a co-operation has resulted from these activities that the whole matter has been brought to the attention of the Supreme Court of the United States and startling charges have been made by the Attorney Gen-

7. Enormous royalties are charged to leaseholders, royalties that have increased from year to year, and unnecessarily inflated the price of coal. Some of these royalties alone have amounted to \$3.10 per ton.

8. The largest corporation, the Philadelphia and Reading Company, has been able to hold these enormous properties by constantly keeping others out of the field in their district.

This company has been paying taxes at an estimated valu-ation of 2 per cent, of the real worth of the property. So powerFlying Parson Weds Couple in Clouds Over Hudson River in Groom's Plane



West 145th Street, was married to former Lieut, Lloyd Bertaud of the Air Service by former Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard, the

ceremony in the scaptane F5-1 Helen, which is owned by the bridegroom

Photo shows the party just before their ascent to the wedding

olicemen and told them what it lought of them. Their remarks were ecessary to halt the procession and

The uproar immediately increased and a prosperous looking elderly man from the Bowling Green Building be-came spokesman. His manner was se authoritative that Shaughnessy condi-scended to explain that the play of he kids and the carriessness of the spectators had threatened injury to he fron fence around the parking which was very precious because John Kelly or Christopher Columbus or some other person of bygone ages. The crowd hooted, but let the pris-

ners be taken to their doom. rs followed to the station, publi ndignation beat up such a storm beind the prisoners that a Lieutenan ose up and stated that the young discreants at the bar had been as ested for the protection of public norals because stenographers in th vindows of buildings overlooking th untain had written letters protest ng against the outrageous insum iency of clothing worn by the

The prisoners, charged with disrderly conduct, were Michael Bace John and Stephen Nenneth, No. 5 Greenwich Street: Raymond Clan-25 Washington Street: Frank Mills, No. 32 Greenwich Street: Davias much clothing as its owners dared Williams, No. 8 Greenwich Street John Eischer, No. 33 Washingto of New Jersey and the Lehigh and to a feeling that by showing a united with demure cierical maidens, had not Street, and Miernel Drajen, No. 3 Wilkes-Barre Coal Company. Washington Street. They were from eight to thirteen years old.

TO EXTEND LINE SOUTH

On recommendation of Grover / Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and

Structures, the Board of Estimate to day granted a temporary permit for sixty days to the Fifth Avenue Coach Company for a branch route in order that the lower Broadway shopping dis-trict may be connected with their main on Fifth Avenue. Theroute of the

pecting with the lines operated Fifth Avenue, easterly along Ninth Street to Fourth Avenue; on Fourth Avenue from Ninth Street to Astor

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PERSONALS.

## BABY'S STOCKINGS SUBSTITUTED FOR \$15,000 JEWELS

Woman Interested in Irish Fund Reports Robbery on Train Here.

Officials of the Scaffa Detective a-day that the yhad been engaged to earch for jewelry valued at more than \$15,000 belonging to Mrs. Helen Campbell Williams, of No. 2344 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, which was said o have been lost on an incoming Pennsylvania railroad train at Manhattan Transfer

It was said by the Scaffa officials hat Mrs. Williams is believed to be iterested in efforts to tie up the Irish elief fund which is deposited in New York banks, but just how she is inerested was not made clear. It was aid she was coming to this city to ake a hand I othe court proceeding to keep the money from De Valera and

pawnbrokers of the city and su ounding communities describing th welry that was lost, according he detectives, who announced that arge reward would be offered to norrow. It was said the jewelry wa arried in a Gladstone bag by Mr. Williams and that another Gladstor ag, centaining a pair of baby tockings and two lumps of suga was substituted for it, included he list of the jewelry are:

Princess ring containing 70 dla nonds, wrist watch containing " liamonds, pair of diamond earrings butterfly brooch, set with rubles and diamonds: diamond bracelet, nine stones; cross and chain, 17 diamonds; solitaire ring, two diamond cluste rings, one with seven and the othe with nine diamonds; a ruby and dia nond ring, and an imitation pear secklace with seventy stones.

**EDWARDS AND SILZER** FILE THEIR PETITIONS

nopposed as Democratic Candi-Petitions were filed with the Secreary of State in Trenton, N. J., yesterlay by Goy. Edwards as the unopposed audidate for the Democratic nominam for United States Senator and dge George S. Silzer of Metuchen as candidate for the Democratic Guber-

Representative Francis F. Patterson of Camden filed a petition for the epublican nomination for Congress in ie First District.



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PATHER JOHN'S MEDICINE ingredients.-Advi.

A thousand feet in the air above the Hudson River yesterday afternoon Miss Helen Virginia Lent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Lent of No. 532

in Deadlock.

By David Lawrence.

Special Correspondence of The Eve

ning World.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (Copy-

right).-The next move in the rail

collapse of mediation on the part of

the brotherhood chiefs and the rail

where it was when Mr. Harding

yielded to an impulse and allowed the

themselves. This effort has failed

and the effect of it has been to

strengthen the belief of the rail

men "on the run" and that by per-

resistance of the union leaders and

There is no question that the shop-

unanimity of the executives in reject

ing their pleas is directly attributable

front at this time the rail executives

would be delivering a body blow at

But will the shopmen surrender

Will the brotherhoods allow a crush-

ing defeat to be administered to union

ism? Many of the rail executives

think it inevitable and are secretly

at this time to spoil what appears to

Unfortunately, there are signs of a

treme and to involve, in so far as

they can, the other railway organiza

tions. Already the Interstate Com-

terstate Commerce Commission re-

port and the continuance of the shop-

nen's strike as an excuse for such

President Harding, however, will

tained the simificant statement that

he possessed power under existing

statutes to prevent interference with

transportation, and there is every

reason to believe he would use the

power by securing the indictment and

arrest of any persons suspected of

Mr. Harding, however, is being

The proposal of the rail ex-

urged to try his hand sgain at medi-

ecutives to Mr. Harding a week at

was much more favorable to the strikers than was the reply handed

the brotherhoods in New York on

Wednesday. As the n gotlations drag

acties

General Sessions this morning after giving orders to the op transporta-

hem a most favorable situation.

sisting to the end they will cr

force an absolute surrender

future strikes.

Flying Parson:

Nine persons witnessed the

CROWD HOOTS COPS BELIEVE THEY HAVE AS THEY GRAB BOYS STRIKERS BEATEN IN BOWLING GREEN were a lot of grown people going to be arrested if they didn't know how

Harding Expected to Make Nine Dripping Divers for Another Offer to Mediate Pennies Captured by Encircling Movement.

> Green were enjoying their usual outdoor sport of throwing pennies into the basin of the fountain to-day for Shaughnessy and Policeman Seiss of

the Oak Street Station appeared, cross ing Broadway he dripping youngsters climbed out and scattered, only to gaaher between the automobiles parked in front of the Standard Oil Building, No. 26 Broadforts of the big policemen to lay lunds on them. Shaughnessy and his sup-

The criminals, one by one, came out men have been placed in the position Drajen, who was acting as custodian of to shed in a neighborhood so populous betrayed his trust, and climbed into

the water again. Shaughnessy meantime went back FIFTH AVENUE BUSES and got several more policemen When next he descended on the youthful criminals at a whistle signal, rejoicing over the outcome. They are the circle was entirely surrounded. hoping Mr. Harding will do nothing The eight were captured, and Shrimp the circle was entirely surrounded as well, and were marched, bare shouldered, bare legged and some of them very nearly bare all over, their determination on the part of the few garments hanging wet on them,

of a free hand in dealing with the

Under these circumstances many in the Administration circle are of the strategic error when they decline they would have been better off under it than they are to-day. That's one reason why it is believed the President will be persuaded to make same proposal, perhaps with slightly different phraseology, so a

The brotherhoods are not through yet, however. Their efforts at me ition having failed in New York, the will naturally turn to Washington persuade the President to make final proposal. It may take the for of asking that all men be rematan and the question of seniority be to the Labor Board to work out after the men have returned to work. The doesn't differ materially from the out, the executives, feeling the suggestion made by Mr. Harding strength of their position and they, but in view of the New York negotiations. but in view of the New York nego greater powers of endurance, are tintions it may stand a better chance coing back to their original position of acceptance.

shopmen to carry matters to the ex- to the Old Slip station, while the file

seniority question.

merce Commission in an official report to the President has reported on the defective equipment on American railroads and the trainmen have on more opinion that the strikers made than one occasion used that as an excuse for refusing to run trains. Mr. Harding's last proposal and that Their mistake was in stopping traffic abruptly and without warning to tho assengers. The question of whether the brotherhoods will announce a omplete walkout on a specified date unless the shopmen's strike is settled o afford the machinery for a settle is quite another phase of the matter. They could if they chose use the In-

It is concelvable, of course, that the shopmen will endeavor to raily the brotherhoods to their support by empathetic strike, but it is doubtfor whether the brotherhoods will care t join the scheme. Throughout th not permit transportation to be tied up. His message to Congress conmediation they have used no threat or indicated that they would take an particular course of action if the rahads refused. They acted as media ors simply because they have had ex perience in negotiating with the ra executives and they have the conf. lence of the shopmen.

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